

replaced in order to meet the Department of Transportation's (DOT) strength and safety specifications for the higher MAOP. Accordingly, East Tennessee now seeks authorization to replace certain pipeline segments on the 3100 Line, abandon in place certain of the facilities being replaced, and acquire additional temporary and permanent rights-of-way to effect the replacement.

Any person desiring to participate in the hearing process or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before January 12, 1999, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered in determining the appropriate action to be taken put will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that protestors provide copies of their protests to the party or person to whom the protests are directed. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

A person obtaining intervenor status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents issued by the Commission, filed by the applicant, or filed by other intervenors. An intervenor can file for rehearing of any Commission order and can petition for a court review of any such order. However, an intervenor must submit copies of comments or any other filing it makes with the Commission to every other intervenor in the proceeding, as well as filing original and 14 copies with the Commission.

A person does not have to intervene, however, in order to have comments considered. A person, instead, may submit two copies of such comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of environmental documents, and will be able to participate in meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, Commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the

Commission and will not have the right to seek rehearing or appeal the Commission's final order to a Federal court. The Commission will consider all comments and concerns equally, whether filed by Commenters or those requesting intervenor status.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for East Tennessee to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project 11597-000, AK]

Ketchikan Public Utilities; Notice Granting Additional Time to File Comments on Ketchikan Public Utilities Proposal to Use the Alternative Procedures to File an Application for the Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project

December 22, 1998.

Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU) has asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for original license for the proposed Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 11597.¹

The Commission issued a notice on December 4, 1998, inviting comments on KPU's request to use the alternative procedure. The notice requested that comments be filed on or before January 4, 1999. However, KPU has scheduled the initial consultation meeting for

¹ The 4,500-kilowatt project would be located on Whitman Creek, in Ketchikan Gateway Borough Alaska, partially within the Tongass National Forest.

January 7, 1999. Therefore, the Commission is granting an additional 30 days for interested parties to file with the Commission, any comments on KPU's proposal to use the alternative procedures to file an application for the Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project.

The comments must be filed by providing an original and 8 copies as required by the Commission's regulation to: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Docket—Room 1A, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

All comment filings must bear the heading "Comments on the Alternative Procedure," and include the project name and number (Whitman Lake Hydroelectric Project, No. 11597).

For further information, call Gaylord Hoisington of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 219-2756, or E-mail Gaylord.Hoisington@FERC.FED.US. Information is also available on the web at www.ferc.fed.us. Call (202) 208-2222 for assistance.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project 11599-000, AK]

Ketchikan Public Utilities; Notice Granting Additional Time to File Comments on Ketchikan Public Utilities Proposal to Use the Alternative Procedures to File an Application for the Connell Lake Hydroelectric Project

December 22, 1998.

Ketchikan Public Utilities (KPU) has asked to use an alternative procedure in filing an application for original license for the proposed Connell Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 11599.¹

The Commission issued a notice on December 4, 1998, inviting comments on KPU's request to use the alternative procedure. The notice requested that comments be filed on or before January 4, 1999. However, KPU has scheduled the initial consultation meeting for January 7, 1999. Therefore, the Commission is granting an additional 30 days for interested parties to file with the Commission, any comments on

¹ The 1,700-kilowatt project would be located on Connell Lake, owned by the Ketchikan Pulp Company, on Ward Creek, near the City of Ketchikan within the Tongass National Forest.